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SUBJECT: APPEAL ON BEHALF OF MINSK REFUSENIK

1. MOSCOW DEMOCRATIC DISSIDENT SOURCES HAVE SHOWN US AN OPEN LETTER TO US PHYSICIANS ASKING THEM TO APPEAL TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES ON BEHALF OF MINSK JEWISH ACTIVIST AND REFUSENIK EFIM DAVIDOVICH. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, SAKHAROV HAS DECIDED TO SIGN THIS APPEAL

2. DAVIDOVICH REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN REFUSED EXIT PERMISSION TO ISRAEL ON THE BASIS OF HIS SERVICE AS A COLONEL IN THE SOVIET ARMY ALTHOUGH HE RETIRED SEVEN YEARS AGO. HE IS PRESENTLY RECOVERING FROM A FIFTH HEART ATTACK AND THE APPEAL TO PHYSICIANS IS BASED ON HIS ILL-HEALTH. SOURCES SAID THAT DAVIDOVICH'S SITUATION HAS GONE BEYOND THE POINT OF BEING OF INTEREST ONLY TO THE JEWISH ACTIVIST COMMUNITY, BUT HAS BECOME A MATTER OF GENERAL HUMANITARIAN CONCERN. SOURCES EXPECT THAT SAKHAROV'S SIGNATURE ON THE APPEAL WILL OVERSHADOW THOSE OF ALL HIS CO-SIGNERS.

3. WE NOTE THAT WHILE THE ORIGINAL RUSSIAN TEXT OF THE APPEAL WAS DRAFTED WITHIN THE JEWISH ACTIVIST COMMUNITY, THE ENGLISH TEXT THAT WILL BE USED WAS REPORTEDLY TRANSLATED WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC DISSIDENT COMMUNITY.  
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